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1. THE ONLY AMERICAN AFFILIATED HOTEL IN ATHENS, THE HILTON,
IS FULLY BOOKED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 16 -20. IN ANY CASE
THE PRICES (\$65 PER NIGHT FOR A SINGLE)
ARE PROHIBITIVE

2. THE EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED A NUMBER OF OTHER HOTELS, SOME
OF WHICH WERE ALSO FULLY BOOKED, AND HAS FOUND SEVERAL WITH ROOMS
AVAILABLE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 16-20. THESE HOTELS ARE GREEK
OWNED AND ARE LOCATED, FOR THE MOST PART, AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE
FROM THE CENTER OF ATHENS AND THE EMBASSY. PRICES RANGE FROM ABOUT
\$17 TO \$30 PER DAY. IN MOST CASES, THE CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD NOT BE
FURNISHED FREE OF CHARGE. IF RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE, HOWEVER,
THEY MUST BE MADE QUICKLY AS THESE HOTELS CATER TO TOUR GROUPS
WHICH ARE NOW BOOKING FOR OCTOBER. ONE HOTEL SAID THEY COULD HOLD
NOTHING PAST JUNE 9 FOR US

3. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FACT THAT IN OCTOBER
EMBASSY ATHENS WILL BE PREPARING FOR TWO TRADE MISSIONS TO GREECE
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